

4.3 Marketing.—The Khasis and Jaintias are market minded people. Rarely they sell their produce at the farm site. They have established markets at all vantage points of the district to which they carry over miles their produce on headload for sale. On market days it is a treat to see a stream of people with headloads coming to the market up and down hills from miles away. 442  
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Markets are held usually twice in every eight days of which one is a 'Barabazar' day which is held on every eighth day and the other is a 'Chota Bazar' day which is held two days ahead of the Barabazar day. The following table shows the marketing facilities available to the rural people in the sample villages.

Table B-7 below shows the number of markets classified according to distances from the selected villages served by them and charge per maund for transport of produces from the village to these markets. 442  
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TABLE B-7

| Porterage per maund from village to market | Distance from village to market |                   |            |                | Total |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|-------|
|                                            | 0 mile                          | Less than 3 miles | 3-10 miles | Above 10 miles |       |
| (1)                                        | (2)                             | (3)               | (4)        | (5)            | (6)   |
| RanP. RanP.                                |                                 |                   |            |                |       |
| 0.25 or less .. ..                         | 7                               | ..                | ..         | ..             | 7     |
| 0.26 .. 0.50 .. ..                         | ..                              | 1                 | ..         | ..             | 1     |
| 0.51 .. 0.75 .. ..                         | 1                               | 1                 | ..         | ..             | 2     |
| 0.76 .. 1.00 .. ..                         | 1                               | 5                 | 1          | ..             | 7     |
| 1.01 .. 1.50 .. ..                         | ..                              | 4                 | 7          | ..             | 11    |
| 1.51 .. 2.00 .. ..                         | ..                              | 1                 | 2          | 3              | 6     |
| 2.01 .. 3.00 .. ..                         | ..                              | 1                 | ..         | 5              | 7     |
| 3.01 .. 4.00 .. ..                         | ..                              | ..                | ..         | 3              | 3     |
| Above Rs 4.00 .. ..                        | ..                              | ..                | ..         | 1              | 1     |
| Total .. ..                                | 9                               | 13                | 10         | 13             | 45    |

No. of villages served by—  
 1 market 13  
 2 markets 6  
 3 .. 7  
 4 .. 1